

HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIA ALERT

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HFD shows danger of dried-out trees

WHAT: The Houston Fire Department will give a live demonstration of

how easy a dried-out Christmas tree will burn.

WHEN: Today, Jan. 5, 2005 @ 5 p.m. (the burning will happen at 5 p.m.)

WHERE: HFD Training Academy

Training grounds behind the administrative buildings

8030 Braniff off Telephone Rd.

DETAILS: HFD encourages citizens to safely dispose of the tree when it

begins dropping needles. The dried-out trees should not be left in

the house, garage or against the house.

The City's Solid Waste Management Department is providing recycling drop-off sites throughout Houston. This program will last until Jan. 11. For details and information on the locations, visit the city's website at www.cityofhouston.gov and click the bulleted link about recycling Christmas Trees.